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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and references.
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Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the materials listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each is enclosed.

German Patent No. DE19517882 discloses a method for safeguarding the minimum reserve quantity of products for delivery of products from a central storage location to various remote locations. A measuring signal relating to the product stock is automatically generated at each remote location and is transmitted by data transfer to a central computer. Additional information, can also be transmitted to the central computer. The central computer may request information about product stocks from each remote location over the data link at specified time intervals. The system provides the user with an analyses of the current product delivery requirement, and optimises the route of the delivery vehicle from the central store to the remote locations as required.



The claimed invention is patentable over the enclosed references. No representations are made regarding the references other than those set forth above.

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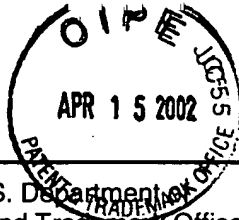
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